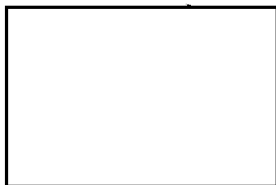


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23 JUL 1957

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

**SUBJECT :** Nomination of Major [redacted]  
for Award of the National Security Medal

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C. P. CABELL  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Manpower, Personnel and Reserve

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Award of the  
National Security Medal to  
Major [ ] USAF

I have been notified by the Director of Central Intelligence that the CIA Honor Awards Board is unable to award the National Security Medal to [ ] as recommended in your memorandum of 23 July 1956. I am advised that this Board has examined all supporting material submitted, as well as highly secret information subsequently furnished by the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF, and finds that [ ] services, while of unquestioned value, do not meet the standards established for award of the National Security Medal.

James S. Lay, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

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